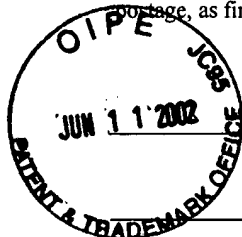


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In re Application of:

Frederic Donie, et al.

Serial No. 09/423,863

Filing Date: February 8, 2000

For PROCESS FOR THE DETECTION OF
HIV ANTIBODIES AND ANTIGENS
USED IN IT

Examiner: Bao Q. Li

Group Art Unit No.: 1648

STATEMENT TO SUPPORT FILING AND SUBMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825

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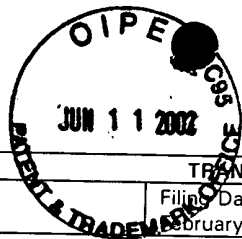
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Respectfully submitted,

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- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
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